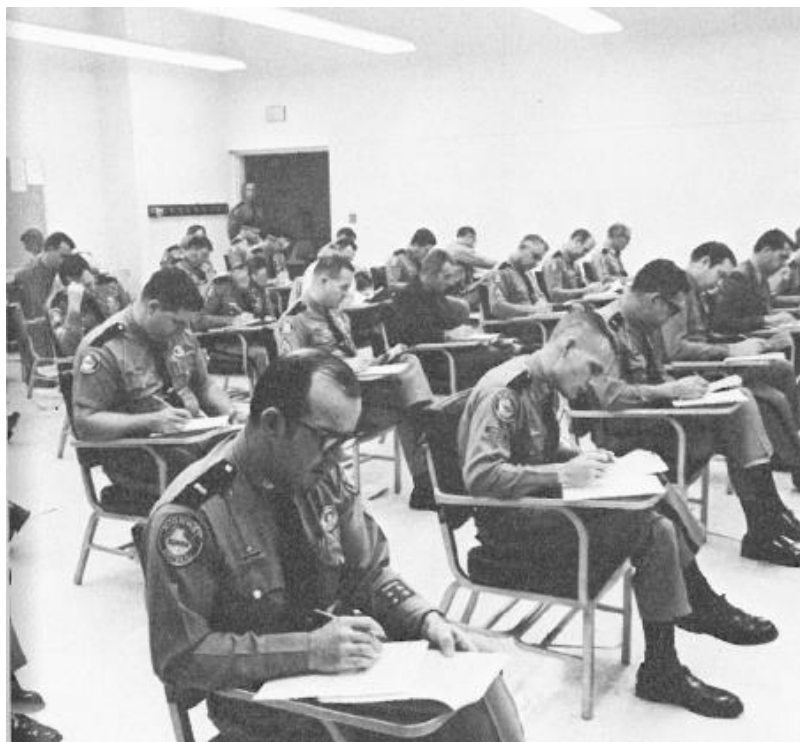


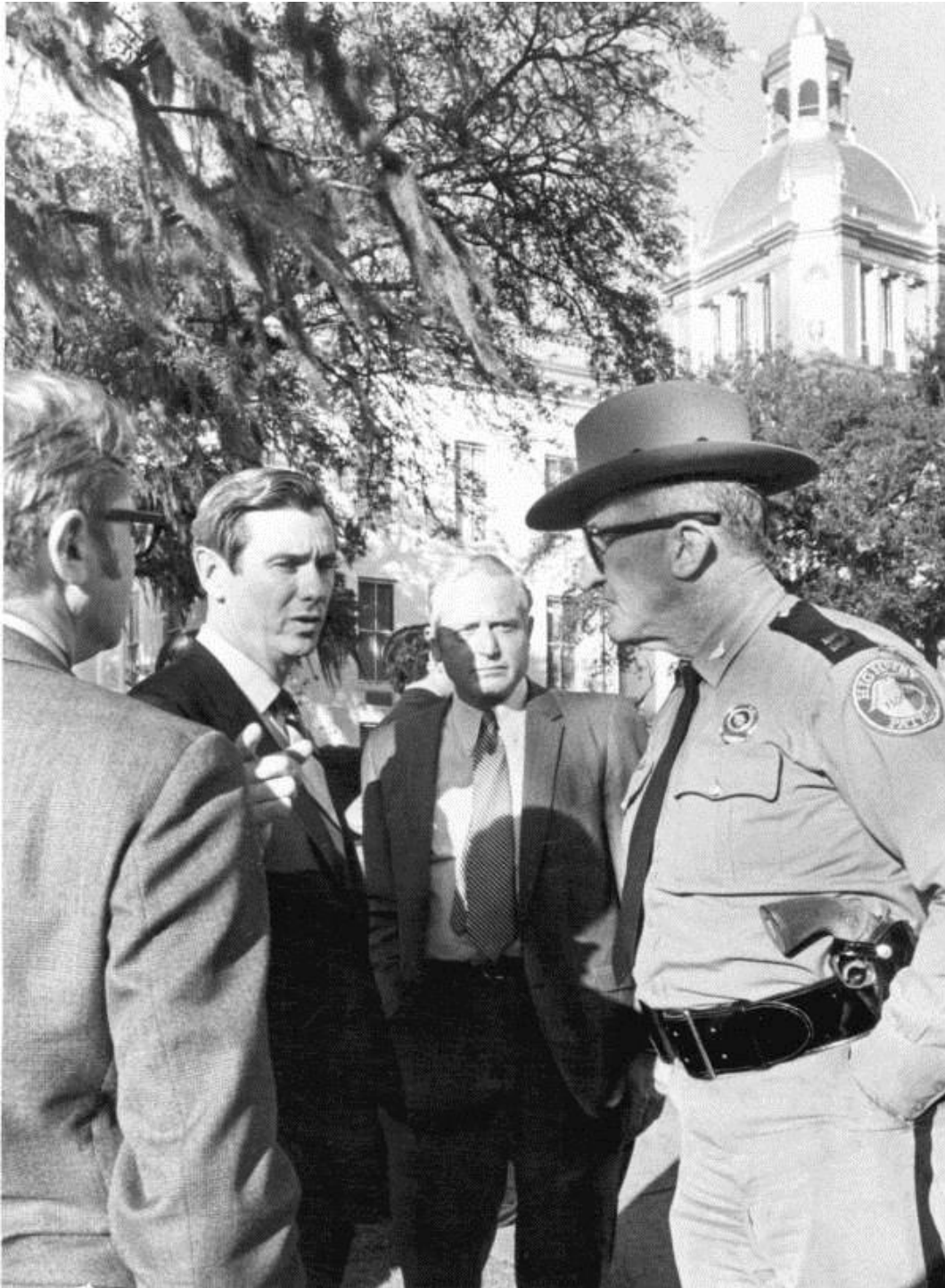
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←Sergeant Clyde Pfeiffer holds a lion cub at the Lion Country Safari Zoo. Pfeiffer was escorting visitors on a tour of Florida and the zoo was one of the stops.
March, 1970

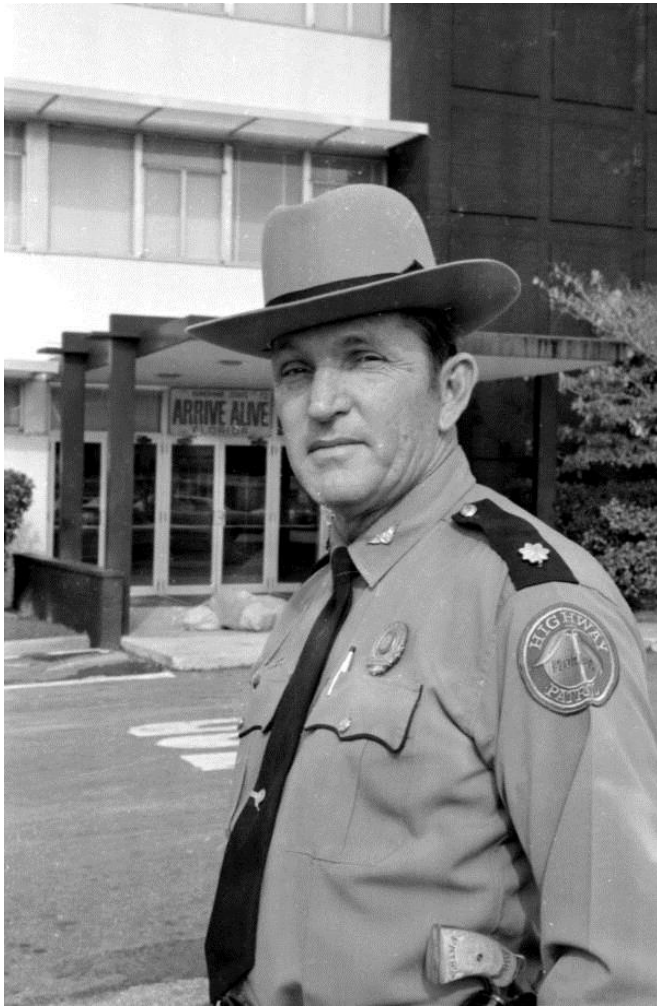
This group → concentrates on their work as they take the exam for promotions in Tallahassee in 1971.





Captain Casey Cason speaks with Governor Reubin Askew (second from left) his Senior Executive Assistant Jim Apthorpe (left) and General Services Director Chester Blakemore (center) as they wait for the "all clear" following a bomb scare at the capitol.

January 27, 1971



←Florida Highway Patrol
Director Eldrige Beach
Tallahassee, Florida - 1972



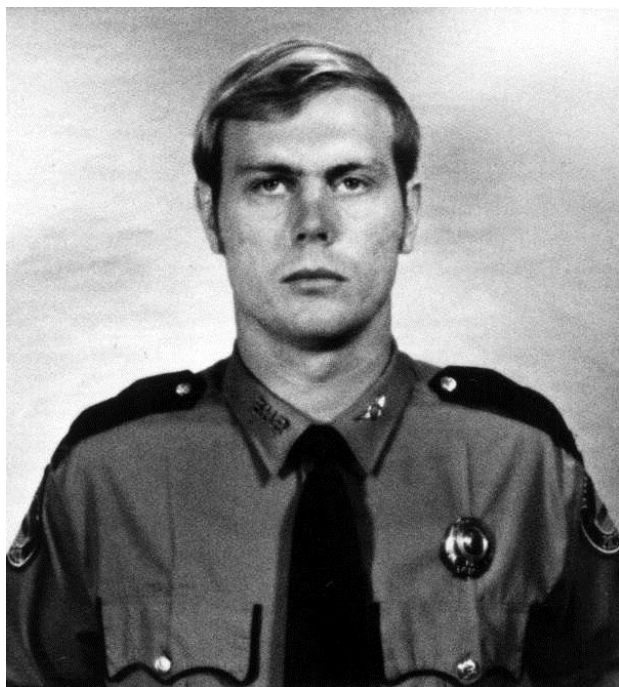
The enlarged
headquarters of the
Department of
Highway Safety and
Motor Vehicles was
formally dedicated to
the late Colonel H. N.
Kirkman on October
15, 1974.

Several hundred employees and guests viewed the dedication ceremonies which were held at the front entrance. Governor Reubin Askew made the dedicatory address and the response was given by Dr. H. Neil Kirkman, Jr.

A reunion of the Florida Highway patrol's first recruit class was a special feature of the dedication.



Sergeant John M. Russi demonstrates the new bullet-proof vest.
The light body armor fits under the uniform.
Tallahassee, Florida - August 15, 1977



←Trooper Robert Wargin possibly owes his life to his bulletproof vest. He was shot in the wrist and abdomen by a rape suspect. Wargin spotted a vehicle with no lights and stopped to investigate. He saw the victim, went for his revolver and at the same time the suspect pulled a gun and fired one shot, grazing the Trooper's wrist and the side of his stomach. The car sped off with Wargin in pursuit. During the chase the suspect slowed down and pushed the victim out of the car. She suffered minor injuries.

Other officers joined the chase forcing the car off the road and the man was arrested by Trooper Wargin. The trooper received a minor injury to his wrist and a badly bruised abdomen.

Tallahassee, Florida - 1977

The Search for Kimberly Diane Leach



On February 19, 1978, the most massive missing person search in the history of Florida began in Columbia County by the Florida Highway Patrol under the guidance of Colonel J. E. Beach, Director. Kimberly Diane Leach was found buried in a dense wooded area, April 7, 1978.



FHP search party on foot and horseback, gather at a pre-assigned location for an intensive search of the area.



Colonel Beach speaks at the dedication of the Palatka Station in 1979.

Trooper Gives Away Car



← Ron and Wanda Wedekind present new car (in background) to Rachael and Don Boniface.

Trooper Ron Wedekind won a 1979 Pinto in a radio station giveaway in May of 1979 by guessing the name of a mystery man who just happened to be another Trooper. It was all on the up and up, but Wedekind kept thinking that appearances suggested otherwise. He solved his problem by giving the car away to an ailing fellow Trooper, Don Boniface. Trooper Boniface accepted the new car at ceremonies held at the Miami FHP Station. Trooper Boniface died of brain cancer less than two months later.